

Hello,

My name is Eli Ghahramani and I am a graduate in political science from Virginia Commonwealth University. I very much hope the Federal Communications Commission does not vote to repeal Net Neutrality on Thursday, 12/14/17. Government regulation in and of itself is not bad, and misleading the public by saying such a thing is unethical. The government regulation of the internet is to protect the consumer from corporations i.e. the few internet service providers that would gain control of internet regulation, and hence, selective bandwidth speeds if Net Neutrality were to be repealed. This would result in a stifling of not even the free market, but free speech itself.

On top of that, titling your act “Restoring Internet Freedom” is even more misleading (much akin to the “PATRIOT Act”) because it more or less puts the converse into effect whilst confusing the uninformed. Well, many of us are informed, and if you decide to repeal Net Neutrality, then the midterm elections next Fall will probably display a rejection of this anti-consumer agenda the current administration and its cronies are putting forth.

Here are some useful links:

‘Net neutrality: 'Father of internet' joins tech leaders in condemning repeal plan’

<https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2017/dec/11/net-neutrality-vint-cerf-tim-berners-lee-fcc-letter>

‘The FCC's Ajit Pai now openly mocking net neutrality protesters with his dumb new video’

<https://www.avclub.com/the-fccs-ajit-pai-now-openly-mocking-net-neutrality-pro-1821278546>

And best of all...

‘Ajit Pai jokes with Verizon exec about him being a “puppet” FCC chair’

<https://arstechnica.com/tech-policy/2017/12/ajit-pai-jokes-about-being-a-brainwashed-verizon-puppet-at-the-fcc/>

Not all constituents will forget condescending, brazen greed.